

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES  
OF  
LEGISLATORS  
AND  
STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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## *Sketches of Representatives.*

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### FIRST DISTRICT.

*Counties.*—Ledbetter, Hardin, Jefferson and Chambers.

REPRESENTATIVE P. S. WATTS is a native of Mississippi, in which State he was reared, and where he was educated in some of the more private schools. When twenty-six years old he left his native State, and moved to Eastern Texas, where he has continued to reside up to the present day.

In 1860 Mr. Watts was elected sheriff of Hardin county, and was afterward successively elected to the same position for a period of twelve years. In this public capacity he served his people well, and the citizens, in consequence thereof, hold him in such esteem as is rarely given to men. In 1873 he was elected as a Democrat to the lower house of the Fourteenth Legislature. He served as an active member through both of its sessions. Again in 1876 the same people re-elected Mr. Watts to the Fifteenth Legislature, in

which body he again, as has always been the case in the past, serves his constituency with a consistency and zeal truly commendable.

Mr. Watts is a gentleman of modest demeanor, and is possessed of an amiable disposition, while he is firm in character. He is forty-nine years old, a married man, and resides in Hardin county, where he is engaged in farming.